



56TH ANNUAL

COMMENCEMENT

Friday, May 10, 2024

Herkimer County Community College
Herkimer, NY



PROGRAM

PRESIDING

Nicholas F. Laino, *Officer-in-Charge*

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

John McLean, Ph.D. *Associate Professor, Social Science - Macebearer*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Joshua Lanza '12, *Academic Support Center Specialist/Esports Coach/Adjunct Instructor, Herkimer, NY - Soloist*

INVOCATION

Chaunsey Brown, *Lead Pastor, New Hope Christian Fellowship, Dolgeville, NY*

GREETINGS

Michael Stalteri Sr., *Chairman, College Board of Trustees*

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Jennifer Adjodha-Evans, Ph.D., *Associate Professor, Biology; Academic Senate President*

Elizabeth Cingranelli '24, *Student Government President*

STUDENT ADDRESS

Grace Marjorie Smith '24, *Early Childhood A.A.S., Eaton, NY*
"To the Class of 2024"

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Nicholas F. Laino, *Officer-in-Charge*

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in the Classified Service

Shea Manley '01, *Campus Peace Officer*

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service

Aaron Alford '93, *Bursar*

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching

Robert Gassmann, *Professor of Communication and Media*

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

Elizabeth Cingranelli '24, *Liberal Arts & Sciences: General Studies A.A., Stittville, NY*

SUNY Scholar Athlete Award

Lydia Reimer '24, *Business: Sports and Recreation Management A.A.S., Newport, NY*

Phi Theta Kappa All-New York Academic Team

Rebecca Lynn Swart '24, *Health Professions A.S., Little Falls, NY*

CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

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Michael Oriolo, *Provost*

Donald Dutcher '90, *Dean of Students and Director of Athletics*

BENEDICTION

Pastor Chaunsey Brown

RECESSIONAL

CANDIDATES FOR

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Students who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.25–3.79 as of the completion of the winter 2024 semester are awarded the associate degree cum laude; 3.80–3.99 are awarded the associate degree magna cum laude; 4.0 are awarded the associate degree summa cum laude.

Art Studio A.S.

Isabella Aceto
Leeanna Bala
Carlie E. Gross
Katita Hurley
Ryan A. Jenkins, *Cum Laude*
Chase S. Kisker, *Magna Cum Laude*
Heather O'Quin, *Cum Laude*
Nataly Portillo Hernandez, *Cum Laude*
Tateanna L. Rucker
Breyona A. Wallace

Business: Accounting A.A.S.

Ivory June Diehl
Shane P. O'Brien
Crystal Smith

Business: Accounting A.S.

Kori Brown
Dante Griffin
Zachary Aidan Keller
Jennifer King, *Cum Laude*
Maung M. Lay
Reese E. Luke
Joel T. Simpson, *Cum Laude*

Business: Business Administration A.A.S.

Lyria K. Bennett
Daniel Vladimir Calixte
Zachary A. Colon
Clifford R. Donovan, *Cum Laude*
Caroline Elizabeth Furner
Cheyenne Garlock
Brent Hathaway*
Kayla Hickey, *Cum Laude*
Gavin Hopkins
Alexis Lee Jones
Evan M. Maiorano, *Magna Cum Laude*
Christopher Ubner, *Cum Laude*
Anthony T. Vasquez I
Kiera Lynn Warne, *Cum Laude*
Ashely Renee Wheelock

Business: Business Administration A.S.

Madiana E. Aceto
James Oluseyi Adeniji
Bethany Bala
Delaney R. Beardsley, *Summa Cum Laude*
David Bernard Jr.
Jack Bowden, *Cum Laude*
Miranda Brown
Natalie R. Crane, *Magna Cum Laude*
Louise L. Dassy, *Magna Cum Laude*
Rebecca Denslow
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Joel Thomas Anthony Hayner, *Cum Laude*
Carson Michael Hess
Kar'ri Lawrence*
Jacob Palumbo, *Cum Laude*
Johnathan Becraft Perrotta, *Cum Laude*
Christian Rivera, *Magna Cum Laude*
Nicholas J. St.Amour
Chikia Williams

Business: Fashion Buying & Merchandising A.A.S.

Sujin Bae, *Cum Laude*
Layla Ford
Ava K. Lanoux
Amya Murrell
Elianny Reyes Ramos

Business: Health Services Management Technology A.A.S.

Julie A. Godin
Michelle Guarino
Sokhoeun Lopez, *Magna Cum Laude*
Selynn R. Robinson

Business: Human Resource Management A.S.

Kaitlin Marie Butler, *Magna Cum Laude*
Nyasia Cruse, *Cum Laude*
Hailey Manley

* participating as a potential August 2024 graduate

Amalia N. Melendez-Weiss*
Yolanda Nunez, *Magna Cum Laude*
Otica Rutledge*
Dee Anne Porter, *Magna Cum Laude*
Patricia Pressoir
Allison A.M. Sherwood

Business: Marketing A.A.S.

Julianne Ray Fike, *Cum Laude*

Business: Small Business Management A.A.S.

Jonathan George Eberle
Christopher A. Elliott
Carter T. Lee I, * *Magna Cum Laude*
Louis J. Sportello III
Katelyn N. Wellington, *Cum Laude*

Business: Sports & Recreation Management A.A.S.

Kyleigh N. Carroll
Louis Shane DiLorenzo
Jesse Elijah Goebel
John I. Goebel, *Cum Laude*
Kolin A. Humberstone
Sarah LaComb, *Cum Laude*
Mackenzie Magnusson, *Cum Laude*
Ahmaree Moreira
Maximilian Pawlowski, *Magna Cum Laude*
Lydia M. Reimer, *Magna Cum Laude*
Kelsey Richardson, *Cum Laude*
Damian Wright*

Communication Arts: Music Industry A.S.

Olivia Friend
Nathaniel D. LaForest
Dmitri Rose, *Cum Laude*
Davonte Schuyler

Communication and Media A.S.

Jack Barkett*
Michael DeMars, *Cum Laude*
Riley Hajczewski, *Cum Laude*
Angel M. Johnson, *Cum Laude*
Rees Colson Bailey Trenholm, *Magna Cum Laude*

Computer and Network Security A.A.S.

David Hicks, *Cum Laude*
Andrew Wayne Morano

Computer Science A.S.

Zechariah Boyer, *Cum Laude*
Joaquin Nietes, *Magna Cum Laude*
Kent Palabon, *Cum Laude*
Maddison Winters, *Cum Laude*

Criminal Justice A.A.S.

Robert Anderson, *Cum Laude*
Paige M. Bardo
Amelia Bowman-McCoy, *Cum Laude*
Chase Bugeya, *Cum Laude*
Julien Gordon
James Anthony Scarchilli
Ajla Sejdic
Schavena Evette Smith, *Cum Laude*

Criminal Justice A.S.

Michael P. Cracco, * *Cum Laude*
Maria Victoria Delgado
Asa Diamond
Carissa Foertsch, *Cum Laude*
Shelby Elaine Herringshaw, *Cum Laude*
Chezell Holley
Alden J. Huxtable
Sierra Jarosz
Cherisse Ebony Jenkins
Ashley Symone Linen
Christiana Marie McGee, *Cum Laude*
Edwin Ramirez Jr., * *Summa Cum Laude*
Dennis F. Robert Jr., *Magna Cum Laude*
Veronica Santos

Criminal Justice: Crime & Intelligence Analysis A.A.S.

Katherine Charisse Carter
Joshua Gabriel Costantini
Susan Marie Pierrot, *Magna Cum Laude*
Amber M. Segreto-Duke, *Cum Laude*
Jizelle van Zyl, *Magna Cum Laude*
India Renee Williams, *Cum Laude*

Criminal Justice: Forensic Investigations A.A.S.

Leanne Elizabeth Daws, *Magna Cum Laude*
Preston Scott Euson, *Cum Laude*
Keira Gates
Christopher Horton
Paige Ella Metros
Jackson Reagan*
Gianna Elizabeth Rutherford
Mia-Soleil Saintil
Brandon Elliott Walentowski

Cybersecurity & Digital Forensics A.S.

Joshua Baldwin, *Summa Cum Laude*
Lauryn Barber, *Cum Laude*
Nicholas Beaulieu, *Cum Laude*
Gabriel Denzien
Ramiz Jadadic
John Looby, *Magna Cum Laude*

Cybersecurity & Digital Forensics A.S. (cont.)

James R. Rice, *Cum Laude*
Ross Sheldon Trowbridge, *Magna Cum Laude*
Briana Williams
Kyle Patrick Willson
Abigail Olivia Witte

Early Childhood A.A.S.

Nagma Antonio, *Cum Laude*
Alani J. Buchardt
Kala M. Reinhardt
Grace Marjorie Smith

Electrical Technology A.A.S.

Matthew Rachon, *Magna Cum Laude*

Health Professions A.S.

Jada Nykia Bell
Ian T. Hunter SR.
Nathan Klein
Gianna Marie Leonard, *Cum Laude*
Athena Angelo Levos, *Cum Laude*
Issa J. Mnondwa
Ryleigh Erin O'Connell*
Jordyn Riley, *Cum Laude*
Victoria L. Rockwell
Rebecca Lynn Swart, *Magna Cum Laude*
Meaghan Ann Tarasenko
Margaret Delia Vega

Human Services A.A.S.

Kara Ashley Cadwell
Ryleigh A. Canter, *Cum Laude*
Samantha Lynne LoCash Childs*
Natalie Elizabeth Daley
Brianna Kathleen Graham, *Cum Laude*
Katrina Henry
Alexis Lynch
Ashley R. Matthie
Jazmin Analise Russo, *Cum Laude*
Sana Sajid
Kayla Marie Suppa, *Cum Laude*
Catrina Marie Thornton
Jeweliana Wilson, *Cum Laude*

Legal Studies A.A.S.

Eyman Alomari, *Magna Cum Laude*
Dominic M. Cicalese
Jenee Francesca DiSclafani, *Cum Laude*
Aileigh Ray, *Magna Cum Laude*

Liberal Arts & Sciences: General Studies A.A.

Vanessa Mansah Addo
Shaheed Alcide

Madison Altamura
Christian Michailovich Andreev, *Cum Laude*
Hannah Bartlett, *Cum Laude*
Stefanie Eleah Adriana Blocker
R. Damon Boss
Andrew John Bouck, *Cum Laude*
Cathal Carney, *Magna Cum Laude*
Aseong Choi, *Cum Laude*
Elizabeth Cingranelli, *Cum Laude*
Jack Congdon, *Magna Cum Laude*
Ryan Patrick Cook
Andrew Crippen
Nicholas Dagnello, *Cum Laude*
Cally Alexis Davenport
Anthony Douglas Jr.*
Robert Evans Dunlap V
Alicia Espinosa
Benjamin F. Fasolo
Danielle Filapello
Tabitha Garris
Naotaka Hanazawa, *Cum Laude*
Bailey Elizabeth Harrer, *Magna Cum Laude*
Alexander Hascup, *Cum Laude*
Jennifer A. Herring, *Magna Cum Laude*
Donata N. Hofsdal, *Cum Laude*
Elijah J. Huggins
Sophie Hyde
Logan P. Jamrosz, *Cum Laude*
Roberto Jimenez Colon
Elaina Johnson, *Cum Laude*
Mia Lazzara, *Cum Laude*
Monique McDaniel
Madaleine M. Miller
Wilman Oliverto Miranda Perez
Azael Montejo Jr., *Summa Cum Laude*
Anthony Moran, *Magna Cum Laude*
Shuntaro Morimoto, *Cum Laude*
Donovan Rhoden
Charley Ann Priola
Alexa Root
Kwabena Sarpong
Colin Skermont, *Cum Laude*
Jordan Snyder
Tyshawyn LaTrell Stepney, *Cum Laude*
Alyssa Clarinda Stoffels*
Takami Hattori, *Cum Laude*
Madilyn Rachel Thomas
Savannah Mae Tomei, *Cum Laude*
Sora Watanabe, *Magna Cum Laude*
Violet Raye Whittaker
Seunghun Yoo, *Cum Laude*

Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities A.A.

Chase D. Everson, *Cum Laude*
Ashley Renee Hook, *Magna Cum Laude*
Dylan A. Saunders, *Cum Laude*

Liberal Arts & Sciences: Social Science A.A.

Joseph Michael Fort
Ericah Harris
Preston S. Isham, *Cum Laude*

**Liberal Arts & Sciences:
Childhood Education A.S.**

Hannah Marie Bowman
Kassidy Brown, *Cum Laude*
Isabella Marie Chandler, *Cum Laude*
Autumn Destiny Congdon, *Cum Laude*
Anna Mead, *Magna Cum Laude*
Alexys Taylor Rosick
Mary Kristina Shepardson, *Summa Cum Laude*

**Liberal Arts & Sciences:
Physical Education A.S.**

Carolyn Elizabeth Alford
Abigail Anglin, *Cum Laude*
Derek James Duncan*
Tanner Gell
Maria Kelly Golden, *Cum Laude*
Connor Matthew Morse

Liberal Arts & Sciences: Science A.S.

Daniel Bernier, *Cum Laude*
Emma Christine Bilinski, *Magna Cum Laude*
Naomi Cohen, *Summa Cum Laude*
McKenzie Lynn Eells
Renee Jenkins, *Cum Laude*
Roberto Jimenez Colon
Caitlynn Leah LaBreche

Physical Therapist Assistant A.A.S.

Karie Bass
Carli Ann Brenon
Dylan Jaklitsch, *Magna Cum Laude*
Jason Luther
Diana Rusev, *Cum Laude*
Leigh Ann Thistleton, *Cum Laude*

Psychology A.A.

Natalia Aragon, *Cum Laude*
Sania Elaine Brown
Elizabeth Ann Bushnell, *Magna Cum Laude*
Melissa Kay Fitzgerald, *Cum Laude*
Shakeena Foster
Kiera Gallagher, *Cum Laude*

McKayla Joan Ganci
Nicole Geter
Alexis Heath, *Cum Laude*
Zain Ibrahim, *Cum Laude*
Brooke Lindfield, *Cum Laude*
Olivia Mroz-Dygert, *Cum Laude*
Ann Marie Muzzy
Riley Grace Orendorff
Destinee Ostrove*
Grace EmmaLee Salamone
Caroline Elizabeth Still
Keira E. Wilks, *Magna Cum Laude*

Quality Assurance – Science A.S.

Gavin M. Beardsley,* *Magna Cum Laude*
Alexis Hazel Ellen Farr
Mark Luke Anthony Hanshaw, *Magna Cum Laude*
Christopher J. Janis

Supply Chain Management A.A.S.

Brieann Sullivan, *Magna Cum Laude*

Emergency Management Certificate

Joshua B. Wells

Medical Coding/Transcriptionist Certificate

Tascia Carr, *Cum Laude*
Maricel D. Dasilva, *Magna Cum Laude*
Angela DeLuca, *Summa Cum Laude*
Rachel Ann DePerno, *Cum Laude*
Shelly Emerson, *Cum Laude*
Heather Huckle, *Cum Laude*
Courtney M. Kwiatkowski
Melissa A. Jackson
Paige Menard, *Cum Laude*
Rasha S. Shaibi, *Cum Laude*
Nicole C. Gaitor-Sheldon

Paralegal Certificate

Katelyn Griffith, *Cum Laude*
Khalena Thomas

**Pre-Employment Police Basic Training
Certificate**

Thomas R. Bronson, *Cum Laude*
Savka Irene Browneski, *Cum Laude*
Logan Frances Cirillo, *Cum Laude*
Bruce F. Clouthier Jr., *Summa Cum Laude*
Jonathan Walter Dupras, *Cum Laude*
Michael J. Hagan, *Cum Laude*
Bryanna Nichole Houck, *Summa Cum Laude*
Joshua Michael Muzzi, *Magna Cum Laude*
Collin Paul, *Summa Cum Laude*

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Pre-Employment Police Basic Training Certificate (cont.)

Grant Lewis Rasha, *Summa Cum Laude*
Nick Gerard Scarafile
Theodore Lawrence Schoff, *Cum Laude*
Hunter William Stevens
James E. Waters, *Cum Laude*
Brayden Mykel Zahniser, *Cum Laude*

Small Business Management Certificate

Ethan J. Glossa, *Cum Laude*
Carolis Mejia
Caonabo D. Ramirez Jr.
Irving Hierro Santana
El Thayouwin Thaw

Honors Program Graduates

Chase D. Everson Brieann Sullivan

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Nagma Antonio
Joshua Baldwin
Hannah Bartlett
Emma Christine Bilinski
Elizabeth Ann Bushnell
Kaitlin Marie Butler
Elizabeth Cingranelli
Naomi Cohen
Natalie R. Crane
Leanne Elizabeth Daws
Maria Victoria Delgado
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Rachel Ann DePerno
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James R. Rice
Dennis F. Robert Jr.
Amber M. Segreto-Duke
Rebecca Lynn Swart
Takami Hattori
Sora Watanabe

2024 AWARD RECIPIENTS

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

Elizabeth Cingranelli '24, Liberal Arts and Sciences: General Studies A.A.

Elizabeth Cingranelli, of Stittville, NY, is one of 193 students from 62 campuses to receive SUNY's highest honor for academic excellence and leadership. The award recognizes students for outstanding achievements in areas including academics, leadership, campus involvement, community service, and the arts.

Ms. Cingranelli has served as Student Government Association president and student representative on the Herkimer College Board of Trustees. She has been a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and a standout player on the women's soccer team, as well as an active member of her church community.

Ms. Cingranelli plans to transfer to Wilmington University (Delaware) to continue her education and soccer career.

SUNY Scholar Athlete Award

Lydia M. Reimer '24, Business: Sports and Recreation Management A.A.S.

Lydia Reimer, of Newport, NY, was one of 21 students statewide to be named a 2024 Winter SUNY Scholar Athlete of the Year. The award recognizes outstanding academic and athletic success.

Ms. Reimer participated in four intercollegiate sports at Herkimer College— basketball, soccer, track and field, and tennis. On the court this past winter, she averaged 11.9 points, had 14 games in double-digits, and earned third-team Mountain Valley Conference honors. In addition to her basketball achievements, Ms. Reimer earned NJCAA Division III All-American awards in Women's Soccer and Track & Field.

Ms. Reimer has excelled academically, achieving high honors. She plans to continue her academic and athletic career at Russell Sage College.

2024 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society All-New York Academic Team Award

Rebecca Lynn Swart '24, Health Professions A.S.

Rebecca Swart, of Little Falls, NY, was named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-New York Academic Team in recognition of her academic achievements, leadership accomplishments, and engagement in community service. Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in higher education, serving nearly 1,300 colleges in all 50 states and nine countries.

Ms. Swart participated in Healthcare Edge, an online course offered exclusively to Phi Theta Kappa members to help prepare them for successful transition to employment in the healthcare field.

Ms. Swart plans to continue her education at Utica University where she will pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Her goal is to become a pediatric nurse.

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in the Classified Service

Shea Manley '01, Campus Peace Officer

Shea Manley was appointed as a campus safety security officer in 2003 and was promoted to a campus peace officer in 2005. Mr. Manley has served as temporary director and assistant director of Campus Safety several times during his tenure. Mr. Manley also is a field training officer and Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) officer for the Campus Safety department.

Mr. Manley is student-centered, putting our students first and remaining calm in all situations. He continually strives to ensure the safety of the campus community and has received several commendations, including a life saving award.

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service

Aaron Alford '93, Bursar

Aaron Alford recently retired from Herkimer College after 24 years of employment. He joined the staff in 2000 as a technical assistant in the Financial Aid Office and was later appointed financial aid assistant, then assistant bursar, and finally bursar.

Mr. Alford always gave his best effort to provide clear information to students. He streamlined processes, initiated a deregistration policy, implemented third-party payment arrangements, oversaw the veteran benefit tuition assistance programs, and served as co-chair and chair of the College's Scholarship Committee.

Mr. Alford holds an associate degree from Herkimer County Community College and a bachelor's degree from SUNYIT at Utica/Rome (SUNY Polytechnic Institute).

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching

Robert Gassmann, Professor of Communication and Media

Robert (Bob) Gassmann has been employed at Herkimer County Community College since 1990, teaching in the Radio and Television Broadcasting program exclusively for 27 years, then teaching in the Communication and Media program for the past six years.

Professor Gassmann is an active and engaged instructor who strives to grow professionally and pedagogically. Students rely on him for his expertise and for forging professional connections. As his field is constantly changing, he keeps abreast of the numerous changes that occur and continually revises his assignments so students can have the most current information available. Mr. Gassmann is always accessible and sees real possibilities for intellectual growth in every one of his students.

Mr. Gassmann holds a bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University and a master's degree from University of Alabama.

LEADERSHIP

Commencement Committee

Vicki Brown, *Co-Chair, Director of Student Activities*
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Ed Lynch, *Assistant Director of Facilities*
Renée Mozzetti, *Assistant Registrar*
Edris Noori '16, *Director of Information Technology*
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Janemarie Verri '96, *Professor, Social Science*

Commencement Marshals

Jane Verri '96, *Professor, Social Science, Lead Marshal*
Steven Boucher, *Assistant Professor, Business*
Lisa Calli, *Assistant Professor, Social Science*
Cynthia Gabriel '87, *Professor, English*
Pepe Aragon '91, *Associate Professor, Physical Education*
Robert Gassmann, *Professor, Communication and Media*
April Harris, *Associate Professor, Criminal Justice/Cybersecurity*
Linda Lamb, *Dean of Academic Affairs*
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Elizabeth Pogonowski, PT, DPT, *Assistant Professor, Physical Therapy Assistant; Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education*
Lindsey Taube, *Associate Professor, Mathematics*

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Rebecca Ruffing, *Director of Public Relations*
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SUNY Chancellor

John B. King Jr., J.D., Ed.D.

SYMBOLS AND MEANINGS

The Presidential Medallion

The medallion worn by the President at commencement and official occasions is an emblem of office and symbol of the authority vested in him/her as the President.

The face of the medallion bears Herkimer County Community College's corporate seal. In 1967, Herkimer College's first President, **Robert McLaughlin**, sponsored a contest among Herkimer County high school students to create a college seal. The winning design concept, submitted by **Marie Johnson** of Frankfort, was completed and executed by **Bronson Quackenbush**. His finished design was put on a brass plate by **Casimer Rakowski** of SUNY Farmingdale, hung from a green and white ribbon, and worn for the first few years until the current medallion was made.

Today's medallion bears the seal with the words "Herkimer County Community College" in green lettering on a gold background in a circular design. The center of the seal reads "State University of New York" around the edges of a triangular shape. Inside the triangle is a drawing of General Herkimer, representing the College's location. The upper right-hand corner bears an open book with a quill, representing learning and knowledge, in front of a world globe. The date on the seal, 1966, is the year Herkimer County Community College was founded. The medallion hangs from a chain of office, with the names of all those who have served as Herkimer County Community College's president engraved on the links. It serves as a tribute to them.

The Ceremonial Mace

A university's mace is carried before the president or chancellor and platform-party dignitaries during commencement and inaugural and other academic ceremonial processions. The mace serves its vital role as the object vested with the power of the institution.

The mace was a gift to the institution from the College's fourth president, Dr. Cathleen C. McColgin, and her husband Robert McColgin, in recognition of the College's 50th anniversary. The College's 49th Commencement on May 19, 2017 was the first academic ceremony at which the mace was carried. Herkimer College's mace is crafted from American black cherry wood harvested from the campus property near the nature trail. Designed and crafted by **George** and **Theresa Olsen** of Richmondville,

NY, the mace features the official college seal, cast in bronze, on each of the four sides. A cage-type finial showcases a beautiful Herkimer Diamond, a double-terminated quartz crystal found in Herkimer, New York and donated by Gems Along the Mohawk.

Academic Regalia

AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, Sixteenth Edition. New York: Walter deGruyter, Inc., 2001

Gowns recommended for use in the colleges and universities of this country have the following characteristics. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves. It is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, like the others. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut and the front part has an arc cut away. The gown is so designed and supplied with fasteners that it may be worn open or closed. The gown for the doctor's degree has bell-shaped sleeves. For the doctor's degree, the gown is faced down the front with black velvet; three bars of velvet are used across the sleeves. These facings and crossbars may be of velvet of the color distinctive of the disciplines to which the degree pertains, thus agreeing in color with the binding or edging of the hood appropriate to the particular doctor's degree in every instance.

The hoods are to be lined with the official color or colors of the college or university conferring the degree; more than one color is shown by division of the field color in a variety of ways, chevron or chevrons, equal division, etc. Mortarboards are generally recommended. A long tassel is to be fastened to the middle point of the top of the cap only and to lie as it will thereon. The tassel should be black or the color appropriate to the subject, with the exception of the doctor's cap that may have a tassel of gold.

Only members of the governing body of a college or university, whatever their degrees, are entitled to wear doctor's gowns (with black velvet), but their hoods may be only those of degrees actually held by the wearers or those especially prescribed for them by the institution.

Members of religious orders may suitably wear their customary habits. The same principle applies to persons wearing military uniforms or clad in special attire required by a civil office.



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